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SUBJ: SPANISH OVERFISHING ISSUE

1. SUMMARY: GOS NOTE INSISTS NO OVERFISHING IN ICNAF ZONES 5 AND 6. REQUESTS FUTURE COMPLAINTS VIOLATIONS RULES ICNAF AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL BODIES BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH HEADQUARTERS SUCH ORGANIZATIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY TRANSLATES BELOW FOREIGN OFFICE NOTE DATED NOVEMBER 4 BUT RECEIVED ONLY NOVEMBER 12:

...HAS THE HONOR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT AFTER APPROPRIATE INVESTIGATIONS CARRIED OUT BY SPANISH MARITIME AND FISHING AUTHORITIES IN RESPONSE TO COMPLAINTS RECEIVED FOR ALLEGED INFRACTIONS OF ICNAF RULES IN ICNAF AREAS 5 AND 6, FOLLOWING CONCLUSIONS HAVE BEEN REACHED:

FIRST, THAT THE RECORDS OF INSPECTION PROVIDED BOTH BY THE SECRETARIAT OF ICNAF AS WELL AS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES DO NOT INDICATE ANY INFRACTION BY SPANISH FISHING BOATS NOR THEIR CREWS.

SECOND, SHOULD ANY INFRACTION BY A SPANISH FISHING BOAT COME TO LIGHT IN THE FUTURE THOSE RESPONSIBLE WILL

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BE PUNISHED TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT INDICATED BY THE

"LEY DE SANCIONES" OF DECEMBER 23, 1961.

THIRD, NOTWITHSTANDING AND IN VIEW OF THE PROTESTS MADE SOLELY BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES THE SPANISH MARITIME AUTHORITIES HAVE AT ALL TIMES TAKEN THE NECESSARY MEANS TO AVOID INFRACTIONS OF ICNAF RULES EVEN THOUGH THE FACTS ALLEGED COULD NOT BE PROVEN.

FOURTH, AS A RESULT OF WHAT IS STATED ABOVE FUTURE REPORTS OF VIOLATIONS BY FISHING VESSELS IN ANY OF THE SUB-AREAS OF ICNAF OR ANY OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ESTABLISHED FOR THE REGULATION OF FISHERIES MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY APPROPRIATE RECORDS OF INSPECTION WHICH CLEARLY INDICATE THE INFRACTION ALLEGED.

FIFTH, SHOULD THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES CONSIDER THAT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FISHING VESSELS DAMAGE ITS ECONOMIC INTERESTS, THE SPANISH MARITIME AND FISHING AUTHORITIES WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF PROTESTS ON THIS SUBJECT AND IN THIS SENSE BE TRANSMITTED THROUGH THE SECRETARIATES OF THE RESPECTIVE FISHERIES COMMISSIONS SINCE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THESE SECRETARIATES CONSTITUTE THE APPROPRIATE BODY FOR THIS PURPOSE.
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